GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2179
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FUNDS PROVIDED TO NORTH-EASTERN STATES AND SIKKIM
BHIM PRASAD DAHAL

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the amount allocated for the development of roads in the North-Eastern States and particularly in Sikkim by the Union Government, State-wise;

(b) the percentage out of the above amount used till the end of December, 2002 by the said States, separately; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure that the unspent amount is used for the maintenance and development work of the roads of these States keeping in view their dilapidated condition?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (RETD KHANDURI)

(a)&(b): This Ministry is primarily responsible for the development and maintenance of National Highways in the country including North Eastern States.As regards National Highways, the details of amounts allocated for the North-Eastern States including Sikkim and their utilization upto December,2002 are given below:

(Rs. in Crore)

Sl.No.	State	Funds allocated during 2002-03	Expenditure upto Dec.2002	% of amount utilized upto Dec.2002
1.	Assam	149.37	69.92	47
2.	Arunachal Pr.	31.10	19.14	62
3.	Manipur	22.60	11.99	53
4.	Meghalaya	35.19	15.79	45
5.	Mizoram	33.70	10.94	32
6.	Nagaland	19.00	7.02	37
7	Sikkim	5.44	3.20	59
8.	Tripura	12.42	8.76	71

(c) The steps taken to ensure full utilization of allocation by the States include the introduction of direct payment procedure, close monitoring of progress of works, streamlining the sanction of projects and award of works etc.